

Claims

Please amend the claims as shown in the listing below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (New) A computer for displaying information on a display screen for a user, wherein the computer is programmed to:

retrieve over a network a first document, wherein the first document is retrieved over the network from a first server that is operated by a first publisher;

display the first document on the display screen for the user, wherein the first document is published by the first publisher, and wherein the first document contains links to a plurality of documents;

detect that the first document is being displayed on the screen for the user;

upon detecting that the first document is being displayed, automatically send information identifying the first document being displayed for the user over the network to a supplemental information server, wherein the supplemental information server is operated by an entity that is different than the first publisher;

change the appearance of a supplemental information display element on the display screen to signify that supplemental information is available for the first document;

monitor the user's selection of the supplemental information display element; and

display supplemental information for the first document on the display screen when the user selects the supplemental information display element, wherein the supplemental information for the first document is published by an entity that is different than the first publisher and is published without any authorization from the first publisher, wherein the supplemental information for the first document is relevant to the contents of the first document, wherein the supplemental information for the first document includes a link to a second document that is relevant to the contents of the first document and is not linked to by the first document as published by the first publisher, and wherein the second document is published by a second publisher, which is an entity that is different than the first publisher.

6. (New) A method for displaying information on a display screen for a user, the method comprising the acts of:

retrieving over a network a first document, wherein the first document is retrieved over the network from a first server that is controlled by a first publisher;

displaying the first document on the display screen for the user, wherein the first document is published by the first publisher, and wherein the first document contains links to a plurality of documents;

detecting that the first document is being displayed on the display screen for the user;

upon detecting that the first document is being displayed, automatically sending information identifying the first document being displayed for the user over the network to a supplemental information server, wherein the supplemental information server is not identified by any information contained in the first document;

determining that supplemental information is available for the first document;

changing the appearance of a supplemental information display element on the display screen to communicate to the user that supplemental information is available for the first document;

monitoring the user's selection of the supplemental information display element; and

displaying supplemental information for the first document on the display screen when the user selects the supplemental information display element, wherein the supplemental information for the first document is published by an entity that is different from the first publisher and is published without any authorization from the first publisher, wherein the supplemental information for the first document is relevant to the contents of the first document, wherein the supplemental information for the first document includes a link to a second document that is relevant to the contents of the first document and is not linked to by the first document as published by the first publisher, and wherein the second document is published by a second publisher, which is an entity that is different than the first publisher.

7. (New) The method of claim 6, further comprising the acts of:

monitoring the user's selection of the link to the second document;

upon detecting that the link to the second document was selected, retrieving over the network the second document, wherein the second document is retrieved over the network from a second server that is controlled by the second publisher;

displaying the second document on the display screen for the user, wherein the second document is published by the second publisher;

detecting that the second document is being displayed on the display screen for the user;

upon detecting that the second document is being displayed, automatically sending information identifying the second document being displayed for the user over the network to the supplemental information server, wherein the supplemental information server is controlled by an entity different than the second publisher;

monitoring the user's selection of the supplemental information display element; and

displaying supplemental information for the second document on the display screen when the user selects the supplemental information display element, wherein the supplemental information for the second document is relevant to the contents of the second document, and wherein the supplemental information for the second document was not included with the second document by the second publisher.